Were red hotte ſteele to ſeare me to the braine,
Annoynted let me with deadly poyſon,
And die, ere men can ſay, God ſaue the Queene.
Qu. Alas poore ſoule, I enuie not thy glory,
To feede my humor, wiſh thy ſelfe no harme.
Dut. Glo. No, when he that is my husband now,
Came to me as I followed Henries courſe,
When ſcarce the blood was well waſht from his hands,
Which iſſued from my other angel husband,
And that dead ſaint, which then I weeping followed,
O, when I ſay, I lookt on Richards face,
This was my wiſh, be thou quoth I accurſt,
For making me ſo yong, ſo old a widow.
And when thou wedſt, let ſorrow haunt thy bed,
And be thy wife, if any be ſo badde
As miſerable by the death of thee,
As thou haſt made me by my deare Lords death,
Loe, euen I can repeate this curſe againe,
Euen in ſo ſhort a ſpace, my womans heart
Croſly grew captiue to his hony words,
And prou'd the ſubiects of my owne ſoules curſe,
Which euer ſince hath kept my eyes from ſteepe,
For neuer yet, one houre in his bed,
Haue I enioyed the golden deaw of ſleepe,
But haue bene waked by his timerous dreames,
Beſides, he hates me for my father Warwicke,
And will ſhortly be rid of me.
Qu. Alas poore ſoule, I pittie thy complaints.
Dut. Glo. No more thē from my ſoule I mourne for yours.
Qu. Farewell, thou wofull welcomer of glorie.
Dut. Glo. A due poore ſoule, thou takſt thy leaue of it.
Du Yor. Go thou to Richmōd, & good fortune guide thee,
Go thou to Richard, and good Angels guard thee,
Go thou to ſanctuarie, good thoughts poſſeſſe thee,
I to my graue where peace and reſt lie with me,
Eightie olde yeares of ſorrow haue I ſeene,
And each houres ioy wrackt with a weeke of teene.

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Line 2 let me be 4 the glory
1530 madde
4 thy glory — 18 Lo eare — 21 ſubjecte
27 And will no doubt ſhortly — 36 odd yeares —

of Richard the third.

The Trumpets ſound, Enter Richard crowned, Buckingham, Catesby, with other Nobles.

King. Stand all apart. Coſen of Buckingham,
Giue me thy hand: *Here he aſcendeth his*
Thus high by thy aduice *throne.*
And thy aſſiſtance is King Richard ſeated:
But ſhall we weare theſe honours for a day?
Or ſhall they laſt, and we reioyce in them?
Buc. Still liue they, and for euer may they laſt.
Kin. Ri. O Buckingham, now I do play the touch,
To trie if thou be currant gold indeed:
Yong Edward liues: thinke now what I would ſay.
Buc. Say on my gratious ſoueraigne.
King. Why Buckingham, I ſay I would be King.
Buc. Why ſo you are my thrice renowmed liege.
King. Ha: am I King? tis ſo, but Edward liues.
Buc. True noble Prince.
King. O bitter conſequence,
That Edward ſtill ſhould liue true noble Prince.
Coſen, thou wert not wont to be ſo dull:
Shall I be plaine? I wiſh the baſtards dead,
And I would haue it ſuddenly performde.
What ſaiſt thou? ſpeake ſuddenly, be briefe.
Buc. Your Grace may do your pleaſure.
King. Tut, tut, thou art all yce, thy kindneſſe freezeth,
Say, haue I thy conſent that they ſhall die?
Buc. Giue me ſome breath, ſome litle pauſe my Lord,
Before I poſitiuely ſpeake herein:
I will reſolue your Grace immediatly.
Cat. The King is angry, ſee, he bites the lip.
King. I will conuerſe with iron witted fooles,
And vnreſpectiue boyes, none are for me
That looke into me with conſiderate eyes:
Boy, high reaching Buckingham growes circumſpect.
Boy. Lord.
King. Knowſt thou not any whom corrupting gold

Would

Line 4 the throne 9 for for ever —
Line penult. My lord.
Line 15 renowned — 9 and for ever —